

power of God was wonderfully present and scores seemed to be convicted; could we have continued the meeting for a few weeks many might have been saved. How sad to close when many are so near yet not saved. We closed on Sunday night. After baptism we retired, slept about three hours. We went to New Enterprise and preached Monday night. Slept two hours and went to Pa. State Conference. As full report of conference will be given I will say but little about it. We were very glad to meet with our Pittsburg brethren. Had a very pleasant and I trust a prosperous visit. Let us now put upon our prayer calendar National Conference and daily offer fervent prayers that the power of God will be so manifested that all that may be done may seem good to the Holy Ghost.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

#### Mulvane, Kansas

At a council meeting we held a few evenings ago the corresponding committee were requested to report to the EVANGELIST about our little band at this place at least once each month. One sister was baptized June 28. The work at this place does not move along as nicely as it should. I would like so much to have an S. S. C. E., but they will not manifest any interest. They have never had any society like that and they do not realize how much could be gained. All they need is the willingness to spare a little of their time (no not their's but God's time) and a little sacrifice. But I suppose I should not complain, but be patient, for "all things work together for good to them that love and serve God." Brother Hixson was with us last week but we were hindered by rains and storms so we could have meeting only one night. Our Sunday school is still alive and we are now preparing for Children's Day to be held June 11.

The EVANGELIST is a welcome guest and we always appreciate it. Let us each one seek to know what our duty is and then let us do the very best we can with God's help. May we be more consecrated. Pray for us.

ANNA WOOD.

#### Campbell, Mich.

Communion services were held in above church Saturday evening, June 3. We had a fair representation of the members of the church considering the scattered condition of our membership. The service we hope was long to be remembered for spiritual good received by the members. We had with us brethren and sisters from Grand Rapids, Charlotte and Sunfield. We enjoyed to meet them and extend an invitation for all to meet with us whenever they can. Prior to the communion a sister was baptized by Brother Winey, and at the evening service was received into full fellowship. Also received another into church by relation at the same time. Sunday services were fairly well attended considering the warmth of the weather. I see Brother Hixson emphasizes the fact that they can use more consecrated

ministers in the west, who if they are willing to sacrifice can do a great good.

Let me state that we have quite a number of scattered members in Michigan, and at several places quite a nucleus could be gathered. Land can be obtained reasonable in the newer parts. So why not some Brethren desirous of changing come to Michigan instead of going to the west? Thus as the country develops you might be a factor in keeping the spiritual life abreast with the material development. Or what is still better, if you are contemplating a change why not find several families of Brethren desiring to change, send one of the number to find most desirable location and then move in a body and thus carry on your church work without a time of ceasing.

A source of loss to the Brethren church in Michigan has been that persons in seeking new homes instead of trying to locate near each other have to a great extent ignored the question of nearness to a Brethren church, but in fact our church work in Michigan is limited so they could not give much attention to the matter. May not other states have suffered loss from the same state? The organized churches also invite Brethren to locate in their midst. Thus you would strengthen the local work even while doing yourself good. May the Brethren seeking homes in Michigan look to the matter of church privilege before locating. May the few little vines here grow and produce a rich harvest.

WM. H. MILLER.

North Manchester, Ind.

#### A New Church Building

On June 4th a part of the St. James congregation dedicated a new church building which had been erected after years of prayer and patient endeavor. The building is about five miles south-west of St. James church and is known as "The Wooburn Brethren church," taking the name of an old manorial estate upon which it is situated. It is the outcome of individual missionary effort thru years. In 1893 brother Joshua Long seeing the neglected, moral condition of a small community along the Potomac river began preaching to them out of doors. One conversion was the result. During Brother Long's absence in 1894, the work was continued by lay members. When the weather became too cold for out door work a school house was offered to us and the services continued thru the winter. In the spring of 1895 a Sunday-school was organized under the care of brother T. J. Fahrney, to whose devoted care and energy the final outcome is, under God, due. Brother S. J. Love then of Double Bridge, Va., preached for them during a week or more, and a few very hopeful conversions resulted. One woman baptized at this time has been a tower of strength. A few years after this Brother Long held a meeting at Downsville and eighteen were baptized out of the Sunday-school. A church house then became an ab-

solute necessity if the work was to be fostered. Articles of incorporation were taken out in 1896 in the name of "The Brethren church of Wooburn in Washington county." Alexander Armstrong Esq., gave a deed for nearly a half acre of land, making a very beautiful site. Two years elapsed gathering material, building foundation and doing nothing. Now the building is completed and stands ready for use. What of usefulness or otherwise God has in store for it is his own secret. We can only hope and pray and guard against temptation.

The day of dedication was, tho warm a perfect one. The house was crowded at all three of the services held. Brother T. J. Fahrney had charge of the financial end of the program, and right faithfully did he hold it up. The church when completed cost about \$850. About \$250 had been secured previously, and on the day of dedication over \$300 more was secured in cash and pledges. This will leave a debt of less than \$300 which should be easily managed.

The morning address was made by the pastor, Brother Long. In the afternoon he was assisted by Rev. Carnahan of the German Reformed church. In the evening Brother Long's voice, owing to a cold which he had contracted, was failing him and the writer delivered the address.

Looked at from every side the occasion was eminently successful and the people concerned feel very hopeful. The house is frame, weather boarded. Small basement room and coal cellar underneath. The auditorium is 26x40 feet, vaulted ceiling, Gothic windows, all finished in yellow pine. Interior and exterior it is a very pretty and attractive house with fine acoustic properties. Special attention has been paid to the ventilation and an ample supply of fresh air can be obtained for all parts of the room, there being no "dead walls." In the midst of our rejoicing we feel deeply grateful for all the assistance we have received and humbly ask that God will take charge and make the work indeed, what we have always aimed that it shall be, His very own.

V. M. REICHARD.

Fair Play, Md.

#### Notice!

A Bible and Missionary Convention will be held in the Mexico, (Ind.) Brethren church, commencing on Monday evening, June 19, and closing on the 22nd. And a similar convention will be held in the Roann Brethren church, commencing on the 23rd and closing on the 26th of June. Brother Talley of Chicago, and Brother Livengood of Lanark, Ill., are expected to be with us thru-out both these conventions. Likewise Brethren Perry, Flora, and Wm. Miller will be with us. All within reach are cordially invited to attend. Bring along your Bibles, your purses, and your friends. If you cannot come pray in our behalf, for we feel our need of a blessing, and we believe we will get it. Among other topics, we have on program the following: The Second Coming of Christ;